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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Vitaly A. LIVSHITS et al.

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

SERIAL NO.: 09/459,573

: EXAMINER: STEADMAN, DAVID J.

FILED: DECEMBER 13, 1999

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO ACID

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 7, 2001, pplicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title as follows.

Page 1, first line, please replace the Title with the following:

C1 --ESCHERICHIA BACTERIA OVEREXPRESSING THE YAHN GENE FOR  
FEEDBACK-INSENSITIVE AMINO ACID PRODUCTION--